

Five Truths of the Gospel

Truth #1: Already Forgiven – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

Truth #2: Made Clean – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

Truth #3: Made Righteous – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

Truth #4: In Union – you are “in Christ” because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

Truth #5: By Faith – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

Five Keys to Understanding the New Testament

Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God's spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Key #2: Proper Context - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

Key #3: Spiritual Beings - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a “born again” spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

Key #5: Hebrew Law - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

Romans 10:9 that if you **confess** with your mouth **Jesus as Lord**, and **believe** in your heart that **God raised Him from the dead**, **you will be saved**;



Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God**;



1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of **the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God**.

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True Tracts

New Life in Jesus Christ

The term being “born again” means the very same thing as being “saved.”



John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**.”



1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,



1 Peter 1:23a for you have been **born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**, ...

How God Saves You

God loves you and He wants to “save” you. The only thing you have to do is believe that Jesus died for you and that God raised Him from the dead.

All people are born “sinners”; they have a nature to sin against God and they do things that are not righteous in the sight of God. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sins and, just as important, to pay the penalty for your nature to sin. Only one sin was not forgiven on the Cross of Jesus Christ - unbelief that Jesus is the Savior.

The reason that you can be saved only through believing in Jesus Christ is because this is the only way you can be made righteous so that you can be part of the family of God.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father (God) but through Me.**”

Acts 4:12 And **there is salvation in no one else** (except Jesus); for **there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.**

The Gift of Righteousness

Faith in Christ is the only way to be in the family of God because only through faith are you “born again.” Being born again means that you are made righteous in your new spirit. Being righteous is what is required to be accepted into the family of God.

By trusting in Jesus, you will be given the greatest gift you will ever receive in your life:

Romans 5:17b ... much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

If Jesus is acceptable to God (and He always is), then you will be acceptable to God because Jesus lives in your new heart; He is the One who makes you righteous.

Romans 5:10b ... much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His** (indwelling) **life.**

Even as a Christian, you will not always live righteously. But any sin in your life will not come from your new, born again heart (spirit). Rather, it will come from your not-yet-redeemed and still-able-to-sin mortal (human) body. This is why you live by faith - because Jesus will live His righteous life through you; you follow in simple faith.

Live By Faith

You are saved by faith and you live by faith. When Jesus lived on this earth, He was sinless. But, even then He did not live from His own human power. Instead, He lived by faith.

At His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit who lived in Him. When you trust in Jesus as your Savior, the same Holy Spirit will come to live in your new heart. You will have the same power within you that Jesus had so that you can live a righteous life.

But remember, only your inner spirit has been saved thus far. Your human body will not be “saved” until sometime in the future. So, you will not be able to live righteously if you try to live your life by your own human self effort.

The good news is that Jesus lives in you.

Follow the inner life of Jesus by faith. Don't trust in yourself; trust in Jesus because He will lead you and He will do the right thing.

This is what the Apostle Paul said ...

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.